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SUBJ: FAO PROPOSAL FOR REMOTE SENSING SATELLITE
INFORMATION CENTER

1. SUMMARY. IN STATEMENT TO UN OUTER SPACE CMTE'S
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE (STSC), FAO OB-
SERVER PRESENTED FAO PITCH FOR MANAGEMENT OF INTERNA-
TIONAL CENTER FOR STORAGE, PROCESSING, AND DISSEMINATION
OF RESOURCE DATA FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES. FAO
PROPOSAL FORESEES INFORMATION SYSTEM, IN ROME, INVOLVING
\$710,000 IN START-UP COSTS AND \$140,000 IN ANNUAL OPERATING
EXPENSES. END SUMMARY.

2. FAO OBSERVER AT STSC DESCRIBED FAO'S REMOTE SENSING
(RS) ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING FORMATION OF RS UNIT IN ROME
WITH LIBRARY OF RS IMAGERY; RS-USE TRAINING COURSES; AND
USE OF ERTS IMAGERY IN LAND-USE MAPPING IN INDONESIA.
ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO ONE OF MAJOR ISSUES BEFORE STSC
ORGANIZATIONAL ALTERNATIVES FOR DISSEMINATION OF REMOTE
SENSING DATA, OBSERVER DISCUSSED RECENTLY COMPLETED
FAO FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A "SATELLITE INFORMATION
SYSTEM (SIS)" FOR STORAGE, PROCESSING, AND RETRIEVAL OF
RS DATA. SIS WOULD HAVE "CENTRAL OFFICE OF SATELLITE
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INFORMATION (COSI)," WHICH WOULD OPERATE AT LEAST IN

INITIAL STAGES. EVENTUALLY REGIONAL FUNCTIONS WOULD
DEVOLVE TO REGIONAL INFORMATION CENTERS.

3. OBSERVER CITED COST ESTIMATE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
SIS AND COSI OF \$710,000 AND OPERATIONAL COSTS OF
\$140,000 PER YEAR, BASED ON CITING OF OFFICES IN ROME
AND ESTABLISHMENT IN COMING YEAR. ROME LOCATION URGED
ON BASIS FAO EXPERTISE THERE; SOON-TO-OPEN REGIONAL
DATA-RECEPTION AND PROCESSING STATION AT FUCINO, ITALY,
ALLOWING DEVELOPMENT OF REAL-TIME DATA COMMUNICATIONS
COVERING SAHEL; AND ESRIN DATA NETWORK CENTER NEAR
ROME AND UNESCO/IBI/ICC CORRESPONDING INSTITUTIONS NET-
WORK IN ROME. IF ROME CHOSEN, FAO OBSERVER SAID SIS COULD
BE OPERATIONAL BY "MID--1975." OBSERVER PROMISED, IF
STSC SO DIRECTED, TO PREPARE "REVISED AND MORE DETAILED
BACKGROUND PAPER" FOR MEETING OF OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE
IN JULY.
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